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SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS IN ANGOLAN/ZAIRIAN RECONCILIATION

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER SPOKE WITH KENNETH ROBBIE OF TANGANYIKA CONCESSIONS ON AUGUST 24. ROBBIE SAID THE COMPANY HAD JUST LEARNED THAT ITS LOCAL MANAGING DIRECTOR HAD RECENTLY VISITED THE DILOLO BRIDGE, AND AFTER A FULL INVESTIGATION AND TECHNICAL ANALYSIS, HAD ESTIMATED THE SPAN WOULD TAKE 8 - 12 WEEKS TO REPAIR. SECRET

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ROBBIE ALSO STATED THAT A WORKING PARTY LEFT FROM LOBITO YESTERDAY TO BEGIN THE RESTORATION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BORDER WAS TO BE REOPENED WITHIN A MONTH.

2. COMMENT: THE ESTIMATED TIME FOR REPAIRS AT DILOLO IS DISAPPOINTING IN VIEW OF EARLIER PREDICTIONS; HOWEVER, THE NEWS THAT A WORKING PARTY HAS ALREADY BEEN

DESPATCHED, APPARENTLY UNDER A DEADLINE, MAY INDICATE
SOME FORM OF A MOBUTU-NETO AGREEMENT ON THE BENGUELA
RAILWAY.

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